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NELSON CLAIMS

QUICKEST FINISH

Put His Man Away in Two Seconds.

DANE CHEERFUL, CONFIDENT

Can't See Why the Wise Ones Call Him a Light Hitter—A Long Record.

How They See It.

By Battling Nelson: I will land the final punch when we are in close battle. It's a cinch for me.

By Terry McGovern: I will fight so fast he'll have no chance. My speed will take him off his feet and my punch do the rest.

By TAD.

BATTLING NELSON'S TRAINING QUARTERS, ESSINGTON, Pa., March 12.—Battling Nelson is trained as fine as a greyhound. Three weeks ago, Billy Nolan, his manager, in speaking of the coming bout with Terry McGovern, said:

"If Bat. strikes his work any, and I think that he's not exactly right, I'll forfeit the money we have up rather than take a chance against Terry."

Nelson is the same confident fighter that he always is. He is cheerful, full of fun and lively as a cricket. Always teasing and joking his sparring partners, the Dane shows his condition at a glance.

"Don't let them tell you that Terry can hit harder than I can," said the Dane today. "That's all bunk. He has a swell record, I know, but he's never hit me. I did the same thing, I'll admit, but he hasn't got a thing on me in the knock-out line."

Quickest in the World.

"Why, I have the record for the quickest knock-out in the world. It's in the record book here, look."

The Dane pulled out a record book and proceeded to show the dope on his fight with Billy Rorer. It lasted one round.

"I copped that fellow two seconds after the going rang, and all the time I took for the fight, was the other ten to count him out. Can Terry beat that? Hey?"

A Long Record.

"Look at this: In the book here, it shows that I have had seventy-two fights. Now sixty of those have been under ten rounds, and thirty-five of them are knock-outs."

"Where do they figure me to be a light hitter? Can you show me? Well, they all have their opinions. I'm going to stop Terry before the limit and that's straight."

WEIGHTS ANNOUNCED FOR THE BENNING HANDICAPS

Weights for the Benning spring handicaps, first running Monday, March 26, distance six furlongs, Columbia course, second running Saturday, April 24, distance seven furlongs, Columbia course, have been announced as follows. Penalties accrue from today at 12 o'clock:

Name	Wt.	Name	Wt.
Land of the Vale	125	Chippewa	120
Adell	120	Chippewa	120
Dandelion	120	The Crown	120
Starfell	120	Hyperion	120
Bohemia	120	Plantagenet	120
Marjoram	120	Tickle	120
Britisher	120	L. J. Hayman	120
Diamond	120	Brush Up	120
Race King	120	Leonora W.	120
Robbie Kean	120	Leonora W.	120
Workman	120	Leonora W.	120
Mount Henry	120	Leonora W.	120
The Cure	120	Leonora W.	120
Disobedient	120	Leonora W.	120
Right and True	120	Leonora W.	120
D'Arkle	120	Leonora W.	120
Carapher	120	Leonora W.	120
Bellmacker	120	Leonora W.	120
Veronese	120	Leonora W.	120
Duke of Kendal	120	Leonora W.	120
Paul Clifford	120	Leonora W.	120
Batts	120	Leonora W.	120
Belle Strone	120	Leonora W.	120
Pater	120	Leonora W.	120
Royal Window	120	Leonora W.	120

ARMY AND NAVY TO PLAY THREE GAMES

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 12.—The authorities at West Point and at the Naval Academy have given the cadets and the midshipmen permission to play three games of baseball here some time in May.

GEORGETOWN BASEBALL LEADER



CAPTAIN SMITH, Blue and Gray Player Will Probably Hold on Local Nine.

Personal Comment on Men and Things in the Field of Sports

BASEBALL.

Catcher Jack Warner has joined the Detroiters in Georgia.

Outfielder Dobbs, of Brooklyn, has been released to Kansas City.

Charley Ebbetts, of Brooklyn, says every player will be satisfied with his lot.

Pitcher McGinnity showed the Cincinnati boys his fondry at South McAlester, I. T.

Joe Cournen, who once pitched for Fall River, will umpire in the Western Association this year.

Kennedy, the catcher, who is to go South with the Boston Americans, formerly played semi-pro ball with a mercantile firm in Boston.

Pitcher Charley Nichols, of Duffy's army, will get into condition in New Orleans and will report at Savannah the third week of this month.

The Athletics batted out a victory at Montgomery, Tuesday, 6 to 6, making seven runs the last three innings. Plank, Henley, and Bender pitched.

The Providence players will report at Washington March 26, and will play in Georgetown March 27 and April 3, Washington 4 and 5. Games have been arranged with the New York Nationals Sunday April 8; Boston Americans, Sunday April 15; Philadelphia Athletics, April 22. A game with Brown has been arranged for Melrose Park April 23.

Outfielder Tom Rafferty, of South Boston, will leave here to join the Charleston club of the South Atlantic League on Friday next, going by steamer. Tom says he likes Charleston very much and is well pleased with his treatment there.

"Job" Pender, the new manager of the team, was nifted because Rafferty stepped on his toe one day last season and shaking his fist said: 'If I had you in my club I would not give you \$2 per month,' and now Pender is the manager and is writing very nice notes to Thomas. How circumstances will alter cases."

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GOLFING.

According to Jack White, who visited Mexico and this country a short time ago, Will Smith is as graceful as he is strong. White adds: "He putted just as well on the sands as Willie Park puts on the proper greens at home. He has just the right temperament for golf, and, when you consider that he plays with a driver weighing ten ounces, you need not wonder we had no chance against him."

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Nationals Begin Easy Steps for Little People

Stahl Strains His Throat Warning Huskies to Take Things Easy During First Practice. Cassidy Out of Game for Long Time.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 12.—Easy steps for little feet was the program this morning in the first practice of the Washington ball team on the University of Virginia diamond.

Stahl strained his throat warning the enthusiastic youngsters to take things easy, and his efforts were needed, for not only the minor league recruits but the oldtimers, like Lave Cross and Charley Hickman, showed a tendency to speed 'em over too fast and endanger their precious wins.

Pungo batting to Stahl, Cross, Nill, and Demontreville in the infield constituted most of the work, but there was some knocking to the far gardens. Manuel being the first pitcher to put the ball over the plate.

No Word From Kittredge.

No word has yet been received from Hevdon or Kittredge about when they will report, and until they do come there will be some difficulty in finding catchers.

Stahl does not conceal the fact that Joe Cassidy is a slicker man than even he supposed, and he has never been optimistic about the matter. He expected to send Cassidy to the Virginia Hot Springs today or tomorrow, but now says a talk he had over the long distance telephone with Joe's physician in Chester has convinced him that the move cannot be made this week and that it will be well into the season before Cassidy is seen on a diamond.

Negotiations for Yeager.

In the meantime, the negotiations for Yeager, of the New York Americans, are in the hands of President Noyes, and nothing is known here about how they are progressing.

The Washington baseball squad, fourteen strong in players, to say nothing of the Times representative, and "Alligator" Joe Quick, arrived in this town yesterday afternoon at 5:30, full of enthusiasm and an insane desire to swallow something besides the ghost stories of the Quirk person.

Headquarters are at the Clermont, which is just far enough from the University of Virginia to be generally comfortable, but the weary athlete wish it were closer. Also, there is a hill which butts in in a coarse, rude way. The hill runs up only for when you return to the ballfield, you generally come another way, which presents another aspect. The hill is peculiar in this respect of all going up and nothing coming down, and is recommended for automobile tests.

Feel it in Their "Jints."

The weather upon arrival in Charlottesville was all to the good. It was just a little short of being fishing weather, and even our ambitious athletes regretted that it was necessary for them to begin to make a living. Storms and such like are promised by the cloud shape, but the local prophets with rheumatism in their "jints" say "talnt so, and I reckon they know a heap about conditions in these parts."

The players who came down yesterday were Stahl, Cross, Hughes, Patten, Henley, McCoy, Hardy, Manuel, Nill, Scheffey, Smith, Hickman, Stanley, and Demontreville.

Practicing signals is not likely to cut a great deal of ice in the spring training of the Nationals. Jake Stahl thinks that a few signals are well enough, but that if a ball player has brains to begin to make a living, he will not need many of them. On the contrary, unless the player has common sense and special baseball sense to know how to act in case of an emergency, signals not only will not help him, but will only tend to confuse him and make him bad matter worse. In this opinion he is sustained by Lave Cross, Gene Demontreville and the other oldtimers present.

They are telling stories about a man who was given a try-out by the Nationals last year and was canned after the first Western trip. This man was lightning fast in the outfield, covered ground well, and was speedy in getting to first, but after he once reached the initial sack he could not be pried off it with a jimmy. It took two hits to get him home in most instances, and sometimes three were required, and the pitcher might throw the ball over the grandstand, but this sure-thing player would hang to his little base until he was hit by a third strike.

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around in the bush league, and it'll be a cold day before this first-past-the-post worker gets another trial in the majors.

Lave Cross fit right in with the crowd. Lave needs no recommendation or kindly words on the subject of how much he knows about the national game, but although he is a master of its finer points and is always willing to ladle out advice to those who ask it, he is by no means chummy in his manner of giving time. He refuses to climb a pedestal and tell things to the youngsters unless the inspiration should seize him in the course of a general fanning bee.

Smith, the new pitcher from the Southern League, has a great reputation among those who have worked with him for long distance "fungo" batting. They claim that there are not half a dozen men in the country who can drive a ball as far as he can. He is built to make good these assertions, for he is a tall, broad shouldered fellow with every indication of strength.

Before the party had been together ten minutes on the train a canvass was being made to fill vacancies in the Nationals' quartet which made the echoes work overtime last year. Cassidy is sick and Jack Townsend is no longer with the team. Knoll, who was a substitute trier, is also missing, and only Patten and Nill are left. There was a singing try-out in the parlor of the Clermont last night, but Manager Patten refused to say who had the chances for filling the vacancies.

Stahl will captain the Regulars and Tom Hughes the Yanigans when scrub games are begun.

The veterans of last year consider Stanley the longest thrower in the squad, but Joe says he is not going to display his prowess in that line to satisfy the idle curiosity of the public unless the occasion demands it in a championship game. He is bearing in mind the fate of a number of other throwing phenoms who were anxious to show how far they could send a ball and in consequence ruined their arms in a few years.

NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNEY SCHEDULE

Louisville Entries Are Now Complete.

MANY FIVEMEN TEAMS

Contest Will Open St. Patrick's Day in Big Armory, Which Seats 12,000.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 12.—President J. H. Hays, of the American Bowling Association, and Secretary Smithers yesterday completed the schedule for the national tournament, which will open in Louisville on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

The final report of entries shows 217 five-men teams, 18 two-men teams and 81 individual bowlers. Bowling will begin each day at 11 a. m., and the schedule calls for occupancy of the alleys until midnight, but with the usual delays incident to the handling of such a number of contestants it is probable that the games will be continued, possibly, until morning as the tournament nears its close.

Will Seat 12,000.

The contests will be held in the armory, a recently completed building, with a seating capacity of 12,000. The hall will be decorated in green for the opening and the honor of being the first team to send the balls down the course has been awarded to the O'Learys No. 1, of Chicago. The tournament is scheduled to run ten days.

TOM SHARKEY'S FATHER DIES AT RIPE OLD AGE

DUBLIN, March 12.—James Sharkey, father of Tom Sharkey, the pugilist, is dead at Dundalk, County Louth, aged eighty-two.

THEY'RE COMIC!

Most comic operas consist of (And I can prove it, folks!) Of "reminiscent" melodies And boldly borrowed jokes.

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WASHINGTON LOSES TENNIS TOURNEY

Atlanta Awarded Southern Championship.

WILL ASK FOR SUBSTITUTE

Local Players to Appeal to National Association for District Date.

At the annual meeting of the executive committee of the United States National Tennis Association at the Waldorf-Astoria, the annual tournament for the championship of the South, which has heretofore been awarded to Washington, was given to Atlanta, Ga., for July 3.

Mr. Whiting, of the Bachelors' Tennis Club, said this morning that the reason for this change was that for the past three years Washington has had the tournament and that the twelve Southern clubs have been lobbying to get the plum for Atlanta. Another reason is that last year, for the third time in succession, John Davidson, of this city, has won the individual cup which upon this change was presented to him outright. The District Players made no attempt to again get the Southern championships here.

Will Ask for Another Tourney.

At the annual meeting of the Bachelors' Tennis Club, Wednesday, March 14, one of the matters of importance which will be taken up by the local club will be the question as to the advisability of asking that Washington be given a tournament to take the place of the Southern championship. In case this is granted, the District tennis experts will not attend the play at Atlanta, but will devote their time to arranging plans for the tournament here.

The dates which were agreed upon by the national committee follow:

National Association Schedule.

May 6, Harvard, Yale and Columbia International scholastic.

May 12, Princeton; May 24, Germantown at Philadelphia; May 26, New York, Manhattan Counties; May 28, New England Intercollegiate at Boston; New Jersey Lawn Tennis Club, Gulf States championship; Merion Cricket Club, Pennsylvania women's State championship.

June 4, West Side Club, New York metropolitan championships; Norfolk (Va.) Country Club, Virginia State championship; Merion Cricket Club, Pennsylvania women's State championship.

June 11, Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania State championship for men; Catonsville, Md., State championship.

June 18, Morristown Field Club, New Jersey State championship; Baltimore Country Club, open.

June 19, Philadelphia Cricket Club, women's national championship; June 23, Wannanousett Golf Club, Pennsylvania State championship; June 24, J. L. Lawn Tennis Club, open; Nashville, Tenn., State championships; Wood County, Wis., State championship; Wood County, Wis., State championship; St. Louis Athletic Club, Missouri State championship; Staten Land Cricket and Tennis Club, New York State championship.

July 3, Atlanta (Ga.) Club, Southern championship.

July 7, Aztec Club, Chicago, Illinois State championship.

July 9, Log Cabin Club, Macon, Ga., State championship; Leeburg Golf Club, western Pennsylvania championship; Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canadian championship.

July 14, Vanderers' Cricket and Athletic Club, Chicago, open.

July 15, Augusta Club, Ga., South Atlantic State championship; Rock Valley Tennis Club, Iowa State championship.

August 1, Alliance Club, Michigan State championship.

August 7, Dakanna Tennis Club, Pacific Northwest championship; Rock Valley Tennis Club, Iowa State championship.

August 13, Kansas City Athletic Club, Missouri Valley championship.

August 15, Sioux City, Iowa.

August 23, Onondago Field Club, Middle West championship.

August 21, Newport, R. I., national championship.

August 28, Niagara Lake International championship, at Niagara.

September 1, Ohio Lawn Tennis Association, open championship.

September 3, Pacific States championship, San Francisco.

September 11, Belmont Cricket Club, Philadelphia championship.

October 1, Merion Cricket Club, intercollegiate championship.

UNION LEADING IN S. S. LEAGUE

Mount Pleasant Is Second, and Foundry Third.

HILTON HAS HIGH GAME

Fowle First in Individual Averages With 184.2—Robinette Second With 177.6.

Union leads the Sunday school bowlers with a total of twenty-six games out of thirty played, giving it a percentage of 86.7.

Mount Pleasant is second with 700, and Foundry third with 556. Gurley brings up the rear, having won but three games out of twenty-seven played.

Fowle heads the list in individual averages. Out of 27 games played he has a total of 4,907 pins, which gives him an average of 181.2. Robinette is second with 177.6, and G. Elker holds down third place with just one point behind. Hilton, who is tenth man with 169.8, has high score of 252.

Standing of Clubs.

Club	Won	Lost	P. C.
Union	26	4	.867
Mount Pleasant	21	9	.700
Foundry	16	11	.555
Gurley	11	16	.408
Mount Vernon	8	13	.381
Gurley	3	24	.111

Individual Averages.

Player	Games	Pins.	Ave.	H. G.
Fowle	27	4,907	181.2	252
Robinette	21	3,745	177.6	243
G. Elker	20	2,880	144.0	228
Hickman	9	1,579	174.3	209
Hammer	21	3,631	172.9	212
J. Elker	11	1,911	173.7	212
Beckett	20	3,567	178.3	219
Goodman	6	1,027	171.1	213
Marsh	9	1,539	171.0	202
Hilton	20	3,396	169.8	232
Rosch	27	4,523	167.5	215
Withington	9	1,479	164.3	196
Caldwell	20	3,396	169.8	205
Guthrie	1	195	195.0	195
Gordon	9	1,479	164.3	192
Buell	20	3,396	169.8	205
Noll	24	3,846	160.2	213
Tracy	23	3,675	159.8	196
Ronsaville	29	4,523	157.7	205
Crouch	21	3,324	158.2	205
F. Favorite	3	475	158.3	172
Baldwin	11	1,711	155.5	191
Pomroy	21	3,255	155.0	205
Byrnes	9	1,389	154.3	185
McKibbin	15	2,305	153.7	219
Upson	12	1,871	155.9	196
Catchings	9	1,389	154.3	185
Sheckells	8	1,264	158.0	185